

Curious Creatures

Teaching Notes

Students explore drawing through a series of guided illustration videos with illustrator Lauren Mullinder. These videos focus on drawing creative animals and creatures in imaginative settings, based on prompts that are submitted by students, school classes and the general public.

Educational details:

These videos address the Visual Arts Curriculum for Year 2 to Year 6. Extension activities can also be linked to Biological Science, English Literacy, Digital Technologies, Critical and Creative Thinking and Sustainability.

Before you begin:

You will need paper and lead pencils. Optional extras could include coloured pencils, art pens, tracing paper and/or art paper for final art pieces. Please note, these videos work through the initial idea and sketch phase only.

Watch and Create:

Watch the videos on the Curious Creatures Workshop page and follow the instructions to create your unique creature drawing. Activity sheets for each creature are available for download next to each video. Draw one creature or draw them all!

Extension Activities:

- Now it's time to colour! Create a final version of your creature design by photocopying your drawing, transferring to a canvas or tracing over your lines. Consider using paints, pencils, collage or recycled materials. This can be turned in to beautiful artworks for reproduction on cards, bags and other gifts and for exhibition display.
- Explore the world of iPad art by using a creative program (such as Brushes Redux) to photograph your sketch, redraw the line-work and digitally paint your creature! (Recommended for years 5 & 6).
- Write a short story or poem about your creature. Come up with a name and tell their story through the prompts of "Where did they come from", "Where are they now" and "What are they going to do next".
- Create a scientific poster about your creature. Research the environment they live in (i.e. desert, mountains, ocean), imagine the food they eat and consider the threats they may face and what they need to do to overcome them.
- Get creative and challenge your students to create a brand new creature using the same prompts! Will your creature have the head of a panda and the teeth of a shark, or the head of a shark with the black and white markings of a panda!
- Brainstorm your own prompts and create your own unique class creature! Don't forget to submit them to info@laurenmullinder.com for your classes chance to be featured on an upcoming video!

